

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 52 and 54 thru 57 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claims 43 and 53 as follows:

Claims 1 thru 42. (Canceled)

1           43. (Currently Amended) A main base for use in mounting a head drum assembly  
2 ~~mounting structure~~ on a deck of a tape recorder, said main base comprising:  
3           a central portion; and  
4           an outer portion surrounding said central portion;  
5           wherein said central portion is connected on one side to said outer portion by a  
6 downwardly slanted portion of said central portion, and said central portion is connected on  
7 another side to said outer portion by an upwardly slanted portion of said central portion,  
8 whereby said central portion is oriented at an angle with respect to said outer portion;  
9           said main base further comprising a positioning pin extending upward from said  
10 upwardly slanted portion of said central portion for insertion into a positioning hole formed  
11 in the lower portion of the head drum assembly;  
12           wherein said positioning pin comprises a hook pin which includes at least two locking  
13 ends extending upward from said central portion for insertion into the positioning hole  
14 formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

Claims 44-50. (Canceled)

1           51. (Previously Presented) The main base of claim 43, wherein said central portion  
2 is formed with said outer portion into one piece.

Claim 52. (Canceled)

1           53. (Currently Amended) The main base of claim ~~[[52]]~~ 43, wherein said two locking  
2 ends are flexible toward and away from each other so as to move toward each other when  
3 initially passing through a narrow portion of the locking hole, and so as to move away from  
4 each other after entering a wider, locking portion of the positioning hole.

Claims 54-57. (Canceled)

1           58. (Previously Presented) A main base for use in a head drum assembly mounting  
2 structure on a deck of a tape recorder, said main base comprising:

3           a central portion; and

4           an outer portion surrounding said central portion;

5           wherein said central portion is connected on one side to said outer portion by a  
6 downwardly slanted portion of said central portion, and said central portion is connected on  
7 another side to said outer portion by an upwardly slanted portion of said central portion,

8 whereby said central portion is oriented at an angle with respect to said outer portion;

9 said main base further comprising a hook pin which includes at least two locking ends  
10 extending upward from said upwardly slanted portion of said central portion for insertion  
11 into the positioning hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1 59. (Previously Presented) The main base of claim 58, wherein said two locking ends  
2 are flexible toward and away from each other so as to move toward each other when initially  
3 passing through a narrow portion of the positioning hole, and so as to move away from each  
4 other after entering a wider, locking portion of the positioning hole.

1 60. (Previously Presented) A main base for use in a head drum assembly mounting  
2 structure on a deck of a tape recorder, said main base comprising:

3 a central portion;

4 an outer portion surrounding said central portion; and

5 positioning means extending upward from said central portion for insertion into a  
6 positioning hole formed in a lower portion of the head drum assembly so as to position said  
7 main base relative to the head drum assembly;

8 wherein said positioning means comprises a hook pin which includes at least two  
9 locking ends extending upward from said central portion for insertion into the positioning  
10 hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

Claim 61. (Canceled)

1           62. (Previously Presented) The main base of claim 60, wherein said two locking ends  
2           are flexible toward and away from each other so as to move toward each other when initially  
3           passing through a narrow portion of the positioning hole, and so as to move away from each  
4           other after entering a wider, locking portion of the positioning hole.

1           63. (Previously Presented) The main base of claim 43, wherein said central portion  
2           is discontinuous so as to have a hole disposed therein for receiving a protrusion extending  
3           from a lower portion of the head drum assembly, and wherein said central portion is  
4           discontinuous so as to have at least two screw holes formed therein for receiving respective  
5           screws which pass through said screw holes and are screwed into the lower portion of the  
6           head drum assembly.